

inspirational role model to the law enforcement here in the 19th Congressional District.

As Chief Executive Officer for the County of Fresno Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Magarian leads, directs and manages a highly sophisticated, diversified and complex organization. Operating throughout a 6,000-square mile area, he holds responsibility for meeting the needs of residents throughout Fresno County, with an annual Department budget in excess of 560 million dollars and personnel of approximately 1,000.

In his vital role, Sheriff Magarian has earned the public's trust, confidence, and support. Through his hard work, he established the department's primary mission. It is a mission that upholds fairness, justice and responsiveness to public needs and feelings while enforcing the law and protecting life and property.

Sheriff Magarian's leadership has guided the efforts and demeanor of the Department to conform with the high standards expected by the public. In administering the Patrol, Detective, Jail and Administrative divisions, his underlying commitment is to maintain the integrity of the constitutional rights as established by the framers of our Constitution.

Sheriff Magarian graduated from California State University, Fresno in 1972. In 1974 he received his Masters Degree in Criminology with distinction.

Sheriff Magarian has worked hard in the law enforcement arena. He created and implemented a county-wide narcotic suppression program through acquisition of a \$500,000 state grant. This grant has been increased to \$900,000 and approved for its eight consecutive year. He also developed a highly successful Tactical Unit within the Patrol Division which targeted property crimes and arrested dozens of criminals. At a cost of only \$35,000, this Unit successfully recovered several hundred thousand dollars in stolen property and returned property to its legal owners. As noted above these are just some of the contributions Mr. Magarian has accomplished.

Sheriff Magarian's 30-year career with Fresno County Sheriff's Department has been marked by significant law enforcement and management experience.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have Sheriff Magarian as a law enforcement in the 19th Congressional District. I congratulate him on his lifetime of accomplishments and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him every success on his future endeavors.

#### RECOGNITION OF O.D. WYATT HIGH SCHOOL BOYS STATE TRACK TEAM

#### HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 1998

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention the remarkable efforts and acclamations of the track team from the Chaparrals of O.D. Wyatt High School in Fort Worth, Texas. These fine young men not only won the University Interscholastic League state championships, but left all their fellow competitors behind. Headlining the team is senior sprinter Demario Wesley, who was individually honored by the Fort Worth Star Telegram as the male track athlete of the year. Mr.

Wesley placed first in all three events he entered. Just one year after trying to run on an ankle with bone spurs, Wesley won the 100 meter dash in a time of 10.23 seconds, the 200 meter run in a time of 20.74 as well as anchoring the 4x100 meter relay. With Wesley taking the leading position, Wyatt won the state competition by a 26 point margin. Wyatt's most impressive accomplishment came in the 4x100 meter relay victory when Milton Wesley, Monte Clopton, Michael Franklin and Demario Wesley broke their own national record. I would like to recognize the extraordinary efforts of this exemplary team as well as their coach Lee Williams whose hard work has inspired his team to victory. These young men have not only set a standard for future Wyatt boys track teams, they have proven that next years stars are currently in our schools and in our homes. Mr. Speaker, let us join in congratulating O.D. Wyatt High School on their accomplishments at the state track championships.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 1998

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall no. 243, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, due to a necessary visit to the doctor's office Thursday morning, I was absent from the chamber during rollcall votes 226, 227, and 228. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 226, "yes" on rollcall 227 and "no" on rollcall 228.

#### A BILL TO AMEND THE INDIAN EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND RELATED SERVICES DEMONSTRATION ACT OF 1992

#### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 1998

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce legislation to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992. My legislation will provide for the transfer of services and personnel from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Office of Self-Governance and to emphasize the need for job creation in Alaska native communities and on Indian reservations.

Since its enactment in 1992, the "477" program of the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act, has become one of the few successful economic development programs in Indian country. This

program was implemented to help tribes address severe problems in employment and poverty faced in their communities. It allows tribal governments to consolidate formula funded employment, training and related programs into one streamlined, efficient program, which enable tribes to reduce administrative time and costs, and increase services to their members. Alaska tribes have informed me that they have reported great savings in administering employment and training programs through consolidation of application and reporting requirements.

On October 9, 1997, Senator CAMPBELL introduced S. 1279 and on this same date, Senator MURKOWSKI introduced S. 1281, which proposed amendments to the "477" program, and included Alaska-specific provisions. On May 14, 1998, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a committee oversight hearing to discuss the program of the program. S. 1279, as amended, incorporates several provisions of S. 1281, and makes other technical corrections. The Senate Indian Affairs Committee held a mark-up of their two bills and favorably reported S. 1279 out of Committee.

My legislation is identical to S. 1279, as reported out of committee, and would at long last address the extreme unemployment in Alaska native communities and to provide young Alaska natives with both educational and job skills so they can fully participate and contribute to Alaska's economy. The bill I am introducing today will lead to further economic growth and more efficient use of Indian job training dollars. I urge my colleagues to support my bill

#### RECOGNIZING WHEELING AND ROLLING MEADOWS HIGH SCHOOLS' PARTICIPATION IN THE CAPITOL HILL ROBOTICS INVITATIONAL

#### HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 1998

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to recognize the students and teachers from Wheeling and Rolling Meadows High Schools in Illinois who have been selected to participate here today on Capitol Hill in the "Robotics Invitational." These students and teachers are part of a national robotics program that is supported by the FIRST Foundation—For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. This creative program engages young people in science and engineering through fun activities that have practical applications. Earlier this year, over 9,000 students, representing 200 teams participated in regional contests that led to finals at the Disney Epcot Center in Florida. Working with identical boxes of raw materials and credit for the purchase of additional supplies, these teams set out to design a robot that could play ball like Sammy Sosa. I am proud to say that the robot designed by the Wheeling and Rolling Meadow could play in the Majors and I am sure that they will do very well in today's competition.

Science and engineering is an extremely important component of a high school education. Excellence in these fields has helped to propel the U.S. to its leadership role in the world

today. While the *Mars Pathfinder* was developed from slightly more than a small box of raw materials, the individuals who helped to accomplish this tremendous feat most likely had their interest sparked by engineering competitions similar to the one on Capitol Hill today.

Best of luck to Wheeling, Rolling Meadow and the other teams in today's competition and I hope that these young people will continue their education and even pursue careers in the exciting fields of science and engineering.

**PRaise FOR ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, AND THE STUDENTS FROM THE STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL**

**HON. STEVE R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 1998*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the 200 high school teams across the country who participated in a robotics competition put on by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). I would especially like to recognize the team from Northern New Jersey comprised of Engineered Solutions from Ft. Lee, New Jersey, and high school students from the Stevens Institute of Technology and Hoboken High School.

This competition underscores the work of FIRST, a foundation which partners high school students with engineers from corporations and small businesses, scientists from NASA and the military, and mentors from world class universities. The unique FIRST competition allows students to get hands-on experience in developing cutting-edge design and manufacturing processes in an energetic, competitive environment. This program represents a unique method for getting students excited about science and technology.

I commend the excellent work done by the students on the Engineered Solutions/Stevens Institute of Technology/Hoboken High School team. And I wish the students from the other 200 teams across the country all the best.

**IN HONOR OF THE HERNDON ROTARY CLUB'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

**HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 1998*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise and pay tribute to Peggy Vetter, the thirty-third recipient of the Herndon Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Award. For the past twenty-two years, she has devoted her time and effort to extensive volunteer and leadership activities throughout Herndon.

In 1976, shortly after moving to the area, Peggy founded the Herndon Observer newspaper. The Observer was one of the first newspapers in the growing area. While the newspaper was initially published just twice

monthly, it allowed for the town and its citizens to communicate and gave everyone a voice in the community. Peggy sold the paper in 1990, but continues to report on Herndon government as well as its people and events.

Peggy's involvement in the community and its many facets did not stop there. While working at her paper she supported the community's youth by hiring high school students as correspondents and office helpers. In addition, she supported fund-raising efforts for youth sports, the Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts.

Her skills with community fundraisers led her to chair the Rotary Club's annual efforts on behalf of the Embry Rucker Shelter, which has collected thousands of dollars' worth of clothing and supplies for those temporarily homeless. She participated in a wide range of activities with the Rotary Club, from cleaning up Spring Branch to ringing bells for the Salvation Army to acting as a Herndon Festival Marshal.

On her own, she has volunteered at her children's schools, served for five years as a Cub Scout den mother, and helped found the American Women's Club in Kingston, Jamaica. In addition, she served on the Herndon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for many years. She was honored in 1996 as Woman of the Year by the Herndon Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Peggy lived in several places and traveled extensively before settling in Herndon. She was born in Valpariso, Indiana, went to high school in Niles, Michigan, and then attended St. Mary's College at Notre Dame. She started her career as a journalist during World War II, serving as a reporter and editor for the Niles Daily Star. Following her marriage to her husband Don, she served as an assistant society editor of the Lansing State Journal and a capital correspondent for the Detroit Free Press and Times.

Her husband's job with Pan Am Airlines led her and her three children to travel around the world to places such as Guam, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Miami, before coming to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area in 1974.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues join me in honoring and thanking Peggy Vetter for all of her hard work to improve the Herndon community. Her spirit and dedication to public service is truly outstanding, and we congratulate her for being named the Herndon Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FALLON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 1998*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize twenty-one years of dedicated service and commitment to the health of thousands of patients across the state of Massachusetts. Fallon Healthcare System celebrates not only twenty-one years of operation, but also marks this event by the enrollment of their 200,000th member. I am proud to play a role in recognizing Fallon here today as they play a vital part in the economy of the region and are a critical provider of care to the community.

Fallon was founded in 1977 as the first Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) in Central Massachusetts and, after just two decades, was twice named one of the best HMOs in America by US News and World Report. This organization has also been recognized by Newsweek, The Wall Street Journal, and many other national and local advocacy groups, publications, and health care specialists.

Fallon has been a leader in the community with efforts to provide health care to citizens both inside and outside of their health plan. Their efforts to assist the elderly, the poor, children, and to reach out to the community are all signs of their commitment to the health of the citizens in Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this important occasion in the history of Fallon Healthcare System.

**THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 1998*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the Township of Fairfield, County of Essex, New Jersey as they commemorate the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of their community.

In the early years, shortly after Connecticut settlers founded Newark in 1666, a group moved out to the northwest and settled in what is now Fairfield. The settlers bought the land, known as Fairfield, from the Indians. In 1701, eight proprietors from England came together and formed the East Jersey Society and purchased a 13,500-acre tract of land from the top of the First Watchung Mountain to the Passaic River, which was patented Horseneck. They built their homes on high ground and fed their stock from hay cut in the Bit Piece and Little Piece Meadows. The New Jersey State Legislature created Caldwell Township. The boundaries were drawn from the county line to Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, and from the Passaic River to the top of the first Mountain. The twenty-eight mile township was named for Reverend James Caldwell, who was pastor of the Presbyterian Church where St. Aloysius R.C. Church, Caldwell now stands.

On April 8, 1799, the first town meeting was held and nine school districts were established. Also, at the meeting a \$200 budget was voted to defray the expenses of the school districts. The Fairfield district's first school antedated the formation of Caldwell Township, a school that was built just before or immediately following the Revolutionary War. Classes were instructed in the Dutch language. In 1957, a new school was built at the intersection of Horseneck and Fairfield Roads. In 1892, the first town to break away from Caldwell Township in a dispute over road taxes was the Borough of Caldwell. This marked the beginning of a succession of towns including, Verona, North Caldwell, Essex Fells, West Caldwell, Roseland and Cedar Grove. This left Caldwell Township which is now Fairfield with an area of 10.4 square miles. By the end of the century, Fairfield would be faced with more seceding territories.